

25, WILTON PLACE,
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Sept 26/85

My dear Gray

Yours of the 22nd has this moment reached me and reminds me how remiss I had been in not writing to you after the loss of our patron & friend Sir W. Hooper - I had understood that some of the Hoopers had written to you and I have no doubt that you have long ere this had full details. I had just left town having seen Sir William in full vigour of body of and mind on the 5th Augt and on the Tuesday 8th I understood he was all day on his legs - visiting the Battersea Park and after his return home making his usual tour of the garden. Early Wednesday morning he was seized with an affection of the throat then prevalent at New accompanied by great prostration and died on the Saturday afternoon - Owing to no post on Sunday

